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SUBJECT: YACYRETA HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT, RODAS ORTIZ VISIT TO US

REF: D.LU/J.SMITH DISCUSSION 8-11-75, ASUNCION 3225

1. DURING LU/SORENSEN MEETING IN BA ON 8-13, SORENSEN SAID ORTIZ (PARAGUAYAN EXEC SECRETARY YACYRETA BINATIONAL) DEPARTING ASUNCION 8-16, ARRIVING CHICAGO 8-17. ORTIZ BEING JOINED BY ARGENTINE ENGINEER OF YACYRETA BINATIONAL IN CHICAGO FOR MEETING AT HARZA AND A TENTATIVE HARZA-ARRANGED TRIP TO SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, TO VISIT COLUMBIA RIVER HYDRO SITES. ASSUMING THIS SCHEDULE, SORENSEN ESTIMATES ORTIZ WILL BE OCCUPIED THROUGHOUT NEXT WEEK.

2. REGARDING ORTIZ WASHINGTON DC SIDE TRIP, SORENSEN SAID HE WILL CONTACT LU AT USDOC WHEN HARZA ARRANGED PORTION OF ORTIZ US VISIT IS FIRMED. SORENSEN ESTIMATES ORTIZ SHOULD BE FREE TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON WEEK OF 8-24.

3. PER REF DISCUSSION, IT APPEARS ORTIZ WASHINGTON DC VISIT IS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR US YACYRETA CONSORTIUM MEET WITH ORTIZ. IT IS SUGGESTED DURING SIEBENSOHN'S PRESENT VISIT TO ASUNCION, THAT HE DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT WITH ORTIZ, INCLUDING TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR BRINGING ORTIZ TO WASHINGTON.

4. FYI. SORENSEN APPEARS NOT TO KNOW ABOUT THE US YACYRETA CONSORTIUM. LU DISCUSSED THE GENERAL APPROACH THAT US CONSORTIUM

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TAKING ON YACYRETA. SORENSEN COMMENTED THAT OTHER CONSORTIA

ARE PROBABLY BEING FORMED TO TRY TO DO THE SAME THING. END FYI.
WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING REPORT OF SIEBENSHOHN'S VISIT TO
ASUNCION.
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